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- 1. DEPT WELCOMES EMBASSY'S PLANS TO MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO COVER GROUP OF 77 MEETING. WE ALSO APPRECIATED RECEIVING INFORMATION IN REFTEL A ON YOUR REPORTING PRIORITIES AND ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU PLACE GREATEST PRIORITY ON DETERMINING POSITIONS OF DELEGATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL ISSUES. WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION ON THE COHESIVENESS OF THE G-77 ON ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT UNCTAD IV, AND THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THESE ISSUES IN THE EYES OF INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS AND THE G-77 AS A WHOLE. (SEE REFTEL B FOR INFORMATION ON LATIN AMERICAN DOCUMENT WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN FORMING G-77 POSITION.)
- 2. MAJOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT UNCTAD IV INCLUDE COMMODITIES, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, TRADE, AND THE INSTITUTIONAL ROLE OF UNCTAD ITSELF. WITH REGARD TO COMMODITIES, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW RELATIVE STRENGTH AND COHESIVENESS OF G-77 SUPPORT FOR UNCTAD'S PROPOSED INTEGRATED PROGRAM, WHICH CALLS FOR CREATION OF A COMMON FUND TO FINANCE ACQUISITION OF BUFFER STOCKS FOR AT LEAST TEN "CORE" COMMODITIES. (A NUMBER OF ELEMENTS OF THIS PROGRAM ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH U.S. POLICY OF STUDYING EACH COMMODITY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS IN DECIDING WHAT MEASURES MIGHT BE NEEDED TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MARKET.) ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW DEGREE OF UNANIMITY AND FLEXIBILITY BEHIND G-77 INSISTENCE THAT CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH IS BEING NEGOTIATED IN UNCTAD BE LEGALLY BINDING. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW EXTENT TO WHICH LDCS ARE GOING TO PRESS FOR UNCTAD TO TAKE ON PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF LDCS. ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW CURRENT G-77 VIEWS ON PROPOSED SDR-AID LINK, (I.E., UNCTAD PROPOSAL THAT A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF SDRS BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT FINANCE). WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING THE IMPORTANCE INDIVIDUAL DELEGATES PLACE ON DEBT RESCHEDULING, AND IF THEIR POSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THIS QUESTION HAS CHANGED IN LIGHT OF RESULTS OF IMF/IBRD MEETING IN JAMAICA. ON TRADE, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF G-77 HAS A COHESIVE VIEW WITH REGARD TO PROSPECTS FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN THE MTN, AND TO WHAT DEGREE THEY PLAN TO USE UNCTAD TO DEFINE AND ACHIEVE AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT TO LDC OBJECTIVES FOR THE MTN. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE IS MUCH DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY PROPOSED BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO ACHIEVE INDUSTRIALIZATION

GOALS OF LIMA DECLARATION. ON THE FUTURE INSTITUTIONAL ROLE OF UNCTAD, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF G-77 PLANS TO SUPPORT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT DESIRES TO TRANSFORM UNCTAD INTO THE CENTRAL UN BODY IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. (WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN G-77 THOUGHTS ON UN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE AND GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT WHICH CALLS FOR GREATER CENTRALIZATION OF UN ECONOMIC DECISION MAKING UNDER A STRENGTHENED ECOSOC, WHICH WOULD DILUTE THE POWER OF SUBORDINATE BODIES SUCH AS UNCTAD.)

- 3. AT UNCTAD OUR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO MAINTAIN LEADING ROLE FOR U.S. AND FOR GROUP B IN EFFORTS TO MEET LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF LDCS AND TO REEMPHASIZE THAT EFFECTIVE NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONSHIP SHOULD RESULT IN MUTUALITY OF BENEFITS FOR DCS AND LDCS. WE PLAN TO ADVISE LDCS AT PREPARATORY MEETINGS NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH AT UNCTAD AND TO STRESS ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUING FOLLOW-UP OF INITIATIVES MADE AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA AND IN APPROPRIATE FORUMS SUCH AS CIEC, THE RECENT IMF/IBRD MEETING IN JAMAICA, AND THE MTN.
- 4. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EMBASSY COULD PUT "UNCTAD" IN SUBJECT LINE OF TELEGRAMS REPORTING ON G-77 MEETING TO ENSURE PROPER DISTRIBUTION OF THESE CABLES IN THE DEPT. KISSINGER

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